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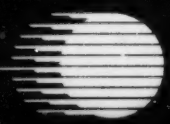

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Honourable Peter M. Liba, C.M.,O.M.
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
Room 235 Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Your Honour:

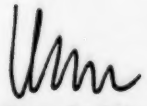
This Report marks the beginning of a new phase of work of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development, as it moves from policy development to advising on policy implementation. The Report looks at the duties and powers of the Manitoba Round Table (established in July 2000), and highlights their priorities and activities in 2000-2001.

Manitoba's Sustainable Development Strategy was announced on June 29, 2000, formally accepting the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI) recommendations as the first of a number of steps that will ensure integration of sustainable development principles and guidelines into the everyday workings of government. A priority area for the Manitoba Round Table will be advising government on implementation of the COSDI recommendations. Establishment of a wide-area planning process for the east-side of Lake Winnipeg, as recommended under COSDI, has already been initiated.

Other priority areas in which the Manitoba Round Table has been active over the past year include climate change, sustainability indicators, fish and wildlife strategies, and a water management strategy. As we move forward into the new millennium, the Manitoba Round Table will continue to help ensure provincial laws and policies are consistent with the principles and guidelines of sustainable development.

I am pleased to present Your Honour with the 2000-2001 Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development.

Sincerely,



Oscar Lathlin
Chair

INTRODUCTION

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development was established on proclamation of ***The Sustainable Development Act*** on July 1, 1998. This is the 2000-2001 ***Annual Report*** of the Manitoba Round Table as required by *Section 4* of the ***Act***.

MANITOBA ROUND TABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development is an advisory body to the government of Manitoba that advises and supports decision-makers in making responsible resource, land use, environment, social and economic development decisions. The Manitoba Round Table is an integral component of the province's Sustainable Development Strategy.

Members of the Manitoba Round Table are appointed by the Minister of Conservation by Order-in-Council. Bringing a broad range of experience and technical expertise, and representing regions and sectors of the province, they contribute to sound and informed implementation of sustainable strategies in every aspect of public administration. To reflect government's commitment to sustainable development and to emphasize the cross-departmental responsibilities in implementation, six cabinet ministers serve as members of the Manitoba Round Table.

The new Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development was established in July 2000. Twenty three members were appointed, with the Minister of Conservation as Chair. The Manitoba Round Table met four times in 2000-2001: September, October, and December 2000, and February 2001.

DUTIES OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

The duties of the Manitoba Round Table, as legislated by *The Sustainable Development Act* are:

- Creating awareness and understanding of sustainable development;
- Cooperating with public-sector organizations, private industry, non-government organizations and the public to share knowledge and experience;
- Reviewing the principles and guidelines of sustainable development to ensure that they are comprehensive and contemporary;
- Advising on development and review of the Sustainable Development Strategy;
- Advising on development and review of sustainability indicators;
- At the request of the minister, reviewing existing or proposed policy, legislation, regulations or programs for consistency with the principles and guidelines, and reporting to the minister with recommendations;
- Establishing mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating implementation of sustainable development strategies and activities; and
- Other tasks and activities related to sustainable development, at the request of the minister.

POWERS OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

The Manitoba Round Table may:

- Make its own rules of procedure, including procedures of committees;
- Identify, promote and encourage projects and activities that exemplify sustainable development practices;
- Initiate, sponsor and support seminars, workshops, and conferences related to sustainable development;
- Conduct studies and investigations, and advise and make recommendations to the minister on matters related to sustainable development, other than matters involving the gathering of evidence to determine whether or not specific persons or bodies are complying with the provisions of the act and the regulations;
- Publish reports and other materials; and
- Do all things necessary to the effective carrying out of its duties under *The Sustainable Development Act*.

MEMBERS 2000-2001

Honourable Oscar Lathlin, Chair, Minister of Conservation

Mr. Jack Dubois, Vice-Chair, Associate Curator of Mammalogy and Ornithology, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, Winnipeg

Mr. Jim Anderson, The Pas

Honourable Drew Caldwell, Minister of Education, Training and Youth

Mr. Bill Elliott, President and CEO, Fort Whyte Centre for Environmental Education, Winnipeg

Honourable Jean Friesen, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Dwayne Hamilton, Brown Byre Farms, Glenboro

Mr. David Hatch, President, Green Spaces Environmental Consulting, Winnipeg

Ms. Judy Head, Swampy Cree Tribal Council, The Pas

Mr. Ed Huebert, Executive Vice-President, Mining Association of Manitoba, Winnipeg

Mr. Doug Lauvstad, Director of Planning and External Relations, Keewatin Community College, The Pas

Ms. Bev Leadbeater, Rock Lake Community Round Table, Crystal City

Ms. Jillian Maguet, Supervisor, Riding Mountain National Park, and Past Chair of the Manitoba Youth Round Table for Sustainable Development, Onanole

Dr. Peter Miller, Professor, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg

Ms. Maureen Prendiville, President, Prendiville Industries, Winnipeg

Ms. Connie Pringle, Director of Operations, Inter-Universities North, Thompson

Dr. William Pruitt, Professor of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

Dr. David Punter, Professor and Head of Botany Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

Honourable Eric Robinson, Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs

Honourable Greg Selinger, Minister of Finance

Mr. Dan Soprovich, Wildlife Ecologist, Swan River

Mr. Art Sparling, P. Eng., Winnipeg

Honourable Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture and Food

Honourable Oscar Lathlin, Chair

In 1990, Oscar was elected as member of the legislature for The Pas, and re-elected in 1995 and 1999. While in opposition, Oscar held several critic portfolios, including: Natural Resources, Northern Affairs, Native Affairs, and the Community Economic Development Fund. Mr. Lathlin was also appointed on two separate occasions to represent the NDP on Manitoba's Constitutional Task Force. Following an NDP return to government in Manitoba, Oscar was appointed to Cabinet in the new Ministry of Conservation. As a Chief of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Mr. Lathlin has served on various committees of the Assembly of First Nations. As well, Mr. Lathlin has served as a member of the Policy Advisory Committee of the Brandon University Native Teacher Education Program. Oscar was born and raised at Opaskwayak Cree Nation in The Pas in northern Manitoba. He left his community to attend high school at Frontier Collegiate in Cranberry Portage where he graduated in 1969. He returned to The Pas where he was employed by The Pas Band as a Band Manager. Oscar later worked for the federal government in various senior management roles. In 1979 Oscar became Executive Director of Swampy Cree Tribal Council and in 1985 he was elected Chief of The Pas Band.

Mr. Jack Dubois, Vice Chair

Jack was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba (Zoology/Botany). He has been employed at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature since 1971, currently as Associate Curator - Mammalogy & Ornithology. Jack has been a member of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development from 1988 to present, (with a two year hiatus in '96-'97), and is currently the vice-chair. He is past-president of the board of the Manitoba Naturalists Society, chair of the board of the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, a member of the Board of Governors of the Manitoba Museum and a member of the management board of Wapusk National Park. Jack was past chair of the board of Manitoba Eco-Network Inc. - an umbrella affiliation of environmental groups in Manitoba - from 1986 to 1995. He was also a former Manitoba representative and member of the Management Committee of the National Steering Committee of the Canadian Environmental Network.

Mr. Jim Anderson

Jim was born and raised in The Pas and has worked in the areas of mines, forestry and highways in Manitoba's north for forty years. From 1972 – 2000, he played an active role as President, Secretary, and Business Agent for Industrial Wood and Allied Workers of Canada, Local 324.

Honourable Drew Caldwell

Drew was elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1999 and appointed as Minister of Education and Training. Previously, he was a three-term Brandon city councillor for historic downtown Rosser Ward. He served on a number of provincial organizations, including the Union of Manitoba Municipalities, the Manitoba Association for Urban Municipalities and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. An active member of his community, he served as chair of the Brandon Poverty Forum, chair of the Brandon Solid Waste Management Committee and an executive member of the Downtown Brandon BIZ, the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba and the Brandon Folk Music and Art Festival. He was a member of the Brandon Seniors Housing Committee, the Marquis Project, the Rosser Ward Citizens' Association and Park Community Centre, among others. Drew was born and raised in Brandon and obtained a BA at Brandon University, BEd (Queen's University) and graduate work at McGill University.

Mr. Bill Elliott

Bill is President and CEO of the Fort Whyte Centre for Environmental Education. Prior to working at Fort Whyte, Bill was employed by Ducks Unlimited Canada as a Habitat Development Biologist, followed by five-years as Development Co-ordinator with the Delta Waterfowl Foundation.

Mr. Dwayne Hamilton

Dwayne owns and operates Brown Byre Farms, located on Ducks Unlimited's original Goodman Project. He was a member of the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI) core group representing agriculture. He served as Vice-President of Keystone Agriculture Producers, acts as Chairman of the Heartland Livestock Advisory Committee and is a member of the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.

Mr. David Hatch

David is president of Green Spaces Environmental Consulting, engaging in environmental consulting across Canada. He

is also president of Aurora Canada Tours, an ecotourism company conducting nature tours around the world.

Ms. Judy Head

Judy has worked in various administrative management positions for 30 years. Judy's expertise is in the area of Lands, Reserves and Trusts as they relate to First Nations communities. This involves policy development and implementation of the *First Nations Land Management Act*, First Nations Land Tax bylaws and First Nations Comprehensive and specific land claims. Judy works with Swampy Cree Tribal Council.

Honourable Jean Friesen

Jean Friesen (Edwards) was elected as MLA for Wolseley in 1990 and re-elected in 1995 and 1999. She has served as opposition critic for Urban Affairs, Labour, Culture and Education. Jean was appointed as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in 1999 and also serves as Manitoba's Deputy Premier. Jean grew up in England and was educated at McGill University and the University of British Columbia. She came to Manitoba in 1973 where she has been a professor of history and head of University College at the University of Manitoba. She has served as Chair of the Manitoba Heritage Council, Editor of *Manitoba History*, and as a Director of the Forks Renewal Corporation.

Mr. Ed Huebert

Ed is Executive Vice-President of the Mining Association of Manitoba and the Mines Accident Prevention Association of Manitoba. He sits on various committees including the Manitoba Labour Board, Worker's Compensation Board, World Wildlife Fund of Canada, Building Partnerships Working Group and Mineral Exploration Liaison Committee. Ed was a member of the COSDI core group and has previously been employed with Manitoba Energy and Mines.

Mr. Doug Lauvstad

Doug is Director of Planning and External Relations at Keewatin Community College in The Pas, and has held a number of senior management positions at the College since 1988. He has lived and worked in northern Manitoba most of his life. Doug has extensive experience in northern economic development initiatives and is also currently Managing Director of the Northern Forest Diversification Centre. This project is designed to encourage and develop sustainable economic activities in remote

northern communities using local resources for the benefit of local residents. Doug is also finishing a MBA program through Athabasca University.

Ms. Bev Leadbeater

Bev has been employed for ten years as a bookkeeper for two pharmacies in southern Manitoba. Bev has been actively involved with her local Round Table initiative since its onset in 1993, serving as Vice-Chair, Chair and Secretary. Bev and her family operate a mixed farm on the Canada-US border.

Ms. Jillian Maguet

Jillian has been employed as a Supervisor at Riding Mountain National Park for the past four years. She is the past Chair of the Manitoba Youth Round Table for Sustainable Development and was a member of the previous Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. Jillian currently is the Chair of the Education and Communication Committee of the Manitoba Round Table. Her interest in the Manitoba Round Table comes from her strong background in communication, agriculture and in working with groups of varied interests.

Dr. Peter Miller

Peter is Professor, Senior Scholar and past Chair of Philosophy and member of the Centre for Forest Interdisciplinary Research at the University of Winnipeg. He is also an adjunct Professor in the Natural Resources Institute and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Miller is a Vice-President of T.R.E.E. (Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystems), Chair of the Social Issues Working Group of the Manitoba Model Forest, and past President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics. He received his Ph. D. in Philosophy from Yale University.

Ms. Maureen Prendiville

Maureen is President of Prendiville Industries, a 50-year old resource-based family business with locations in Thompson, Birch River, Neepawa and Winnipeg. Since joining Prendiville Industries in 1973, she has been involved in many business and community organizations including Channel Area Loggers, Young Presidents Organization, Manitoba Business Council and the Canadian Association of Family Enterprises. Maureen was a member of the International Trade Advisory Committee during the Canada-USA Free Trade Agreement negotiations.

Ms. Connie Pringle

Connie is Director of Operations, Inter-Universities North in Thompson. She has a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics. Connie has extensive business, management and financial experience and has worked for Keewatin Community College, Northern Manitoba Business Institute, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Swampy Cree Tribal Council and Northern Manpower Training Corps.

Dr. William Pruitt

William is Professor of Zoology at the University of Manitoba. He has worked extensively in the Boreal Forest in Manitoba and is Founder and Director of the TAIGA Biological Station. He has travelled abroad and has experience in northern ecosystems around the world.

Dr. David Punter

David is Professor and Head of the Department of Botany at the University of Manitoba. He is President of the Manitoba Association of Plant Biologists, and a member of the Canadian Phytopathological Society, Canadian Botanical Association and the British Mycological Society. His interests include diseases of forest trees, sustainable utilization of non-timber forest products and conservation of rare and endangered plant species.

Honourable Eric Robinson

Eric was elected as MLA for Rupertsland in a by-election in 1993 and was re-elected in 1995 and 1999. Eric was appointed as Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs in 1999. He was the critic for Native Affairs and for the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry. Eric is from Cross Lake First Nation. He maintains strong ties to northern communities and has been active on Aboriginal issues for many years, working for the Assembly of First Nations and the Brotherhood of Indian Nations, among other organizations. He was a researcher for the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and is a strong supporter of the inquiry's recommendations. Eric's communications expertise is extensive and includes radio broadcasting and production for CBC North Country in Churchill and Thompson, in Cree and English. He worked for Native Communications Incorporated broadcasting in northern and southern Manitoba. He was a founder of the Native Media Network, co-author of the book *Infested Blanket*, as well as a facilitator and master of ceremonies for many traditional and cultural events. He has

been politically active as a President, Vice President and Director of many organizations.

Mr. Dan Soprovich

Dan is a Wildlife Ecologist with Bluestem Wildlife Services. He worked for the Government of Manitoba as a Wildlife Biologist, a Population Ecologist and a Wildlife Technician for fifteen years. He has extensive work experience with Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl Research Station, University of Manitoba and Canadian Wildlife Services.

Honourable Gregory Selinger

Greg was appointed to the Finance portfolio in October 1999. Greg is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba and has taught courses in social policy and community development. He represented St. Boniface as City Councillor and chaired the City's Committee on Finance and Administration. Greg has served as a Director of St. Boniface Hospital and the St. Boniface Museum and as President of the Old St. Boniface Residents Association. Greg coached soccer at Notre Dame Community Club and basketball at the YMCA. Greg has a PhD (London School of Economics), a Master's Degree in Public Administration (Queen's University) and a Bachelor of Social Work (University of Manitoba).

Mr. Art Sparling

Art worked for the Government of Manitoba and was Chief Engineer for the Clean Environment Commission. He taught Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba (1971-1993) and did extensive research in waste management and, in particular, solid waste disposal. Art is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geological Scientists of Manitoba.

Honourable Rosann Wowchuk

Rosann was born and raised in Cowan, Manitoba. Prior to her election in 1990 for Swan River, Rosann worked as an organizer for the New Democratic Party. She was re-elected in 1995 and 1999. Rosann was appointed as Minister of Agriculture in 1999. Rosann was critic for Agriculture, Crop Insurance and the Agriculture Credit Corporation and deputy critic for Rural Economic Development. Rosann trained at Manitoba Teachers College and taught at several area schools. In addition to ownership in a mixed farming operation, she started and managed a successful ceramics business for three years. Rosann has a great

deal of experience in serving her community, as Councillor and Deputy Reeve of Local Government District of Mountain (1983-1990), Chair of the Cowan Soil and Water Co-op, Vice-Chair of the North West Soil Management Association, member of the Swan River Hospital and Ambulance Committee, a 4-H leader, secretary of the Cowan Community Centre and member in other community groups, including the Swan River Rotary Club.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE, 2000- 2001

Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI) Recommendations

Manitoba's Sustainable Development Strategy was released on June 29, 2000. The strategy formally accepts the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI) recommendations, as the first of a number of steps that will ensure integration of sustainable development principles and guidelines into everyday workings of government. The COSDI report will guide the Manitoba Round Table as it works to ensure that sustainable development becomes an intrinsic component of decision-making in government. The COSDI report recommends a number of enhancements for implementing sustainable development in the province. These include:

- wide area planning based on natural areas,
- enhancement of assessments on proposed developments to include health and social effects on communities,
- enhanced public participation,
- more significant involvement of Aboriginal communities in land and resource planning,
- establishment of a Sustainable Development Auditor, and
- a review of the current sustainable development strategies.

Energy and Climate Change

The Manitoba Round Table participated in a forum on climate change in Winnipeg, January 2001, presented by the International Institute for Sustainable Development and Clean Environment Commission. A member of the Manitoba Round Table, Mr. Jack Dubois, was appointed to the Manitoba Climate Change Task Force, which will conduct public consultations in May and June, 2001 and submit their final report to government in the fall of 2001.

Throughout the year, the Manitoba Round Table held committee meetings discussing green finances with respect to land use, transportation and energy. Sustainable transportation was identified as a problem and several suggestions were put forth including alternative fuels and bio-substitutes.

Sustainability Indicators Initiative

Under *The Sustainable Development Act*, Part 5, sections 9 and 10, the province of Manitoba must establish a set of sustainability indicators by July 2001, and prepare a provincial sustainability report based on these indicators by July 2005. Sustainability Reporting replaced State of the Environment reporting, previously required under *The Environment Act*.

Under section 9(2) of *The Sustainable Development Act*, the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development is responsible for: preparing the draft set of indicators; consulting with the public and experts regarding the proposed indicators; and preparing and submitting a report to the minister respecting proposed indicators and any related issues, setting out any recommendations it considers appropriate.

Under the direction of the Manitoba Round Table, a Sustainability Indicators Working Group developed a workbook on proposed indicators. The workbook, released in May 2000, was the main discussion document for public workshops on sustainability indicators held in June 2000. The workbook included a questionnaire regarding the proposed categories, issues and indicators. Other components of public consultation were an interactive Web site and a call for written submissions. Based on public consultations, a *What You Told Us* document was compiled and released in April 2001. The proposed set of indicators and comments from the public also underwent a technical review, which provided further advice to the Manitoba Round Table. The Manitoba Round Table will be submitting their final report to government on a set of sustainability indicators for the province in June 2001. The final indicator set, once adopted by government, will form the basis for ongoing sustainability reporting in Manitoba.

Sustainable Development Education Strategy

A concept paper for an education strategy was prepared by the Manitoba Round Table in 1997 and underwent focus group and public discussion in the fall of 1998. The Youth Round Table's Sustainable Development Youth Forum, also held in fall 1998, was based around the same questions as the focus groups. The information from both processes will be compiled into a *What You Told Us* document for release in the fall

of 2001. Based on the public and youth comments, the Manitoba Round Table will consider development of a draft sustainable development education strategy for Manitoba.

Manitoba Youth Round Table

The Youth Round Table was established in 1996 under direction of the Manitoba Round Table on Environment and Economy. The mission of the Youth Round Table is to apply young people's unique perspective to the task of ensuring that future generations have clean, safe and healthy air, land and water in which to live, work and play.

The Youth Round Table gives young people the opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns and ideas on the use, development and protection of our environment. It educates young Manitobans about all aspects of sustainable development and encourages their participation in educational events such as Earth Day and the Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium.

The Youth Round Table is being reconstituted under the new Manitoba Round Table. The Education and Communication Committee established new terms of reference and issued a call for membership in spring 2001 to youth aged 16 to 24. Establishment of the new Youth Round Table is expected to be complete by fall 2001.

The Youth Round Table Chair will be appointed to the Manitoba Round Table. Members of the Youth Round Table will sit on at least one committee of the Manitoba Round Table. Having Youth Round Table members on these committees ensures the views of youth are present in all deliberations of the Manitoba Round Table.

Fish and Wildlife Strategies

Public consultations on proposed policies for protection, sustainable use and harvest of fish and wildlife were held from April to June 1999. The *What You Told Us...Fish Strategy* and *What You Told Us...Wildlife Strategy* were compiled and distributed in summer 2000. The fish and wildlife working group reviewed the public feedback and submitted recommendations to the Policy/Strategy Committee of the Manitoba Round Table in March 2001. The Manitoba Round Table will be making its final recommendations to government on fish and wildlife policies in summer 2001.

Sustainable Development Procurement Guidelines

The Sustainable Development Act requires establishment of provincial procurement guidelines. These guidelines were developed and adopted in December 2000. With adoption of the *Sustainable Development Procurement Guidelines* the government of Manitoba will strengthen its practice of acquiring and using goods and services in an environmentally responsible way. A government-wide implementation committee will work with departments to integrate the guidelines into manuals and procedures and create a list of environmentally preferable products that are recycled, remanufactured, non-toxic, chemically safe, etc., that departments will be encouraged to purchase. A list of environmentally preferable services for government purchase will also be established. Input into development of the guidelines was provided by government departments and the Manitoba Round Table.

Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program

The Awards of Excellence Program, established in 1991, recognizes Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development. The awards place priority on projects and ideas that best translate the concept of sustainable development into concrete and lasting achievements. The awards are open to all Manitobans. An independent evaluation committee evaluates all nominations, in several categories, and presents recommendations to the Manitoba Round Table, whose members select the recipients. Awards are presented at an annual event hosted by the premier and the Manitoba Round Table. An awards event was not held in 2000-01.

Sustainable Development Scholarship Program

The Sustainable Development Scholarship Program (established in 1996) annually awards a scholarship to a post-secondary student in Manitoba pursuing studies and undertaking research that embraces the spirit and principles of sustainable development. It is open to students in any field of study offered at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution. A single non-renewable scholarship of $5,000 is awarded to cover cost of tuition, books, fees and other education expenses. In 2000-01, two

individuals received the Sustainable Development Scholarship:

- Aleksander Radulovic, Master of Architecture, University of Manitoba for his research on sustainable design. His thesis targets Winnipeg core area revitalization and will serve as an extension and supplement to the Centre Venture initiative. He sees future urban development being shaped by the intertwining of natural and manmade environments, reinforced by innovative technology.
- Joanne Grower, Bachelor of Environmental Studies and of Political Science, University of Winnipeg, for her research on urban sprawl. She is currently involved with a project to renovate housing on Spence Street to create residences for University of Winnipeg students. Her studies have also focused on Aboriginal issues and large scale hog production and processing.

COMMITTEES OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

Priority issues and responsibilities of the Manitoba Round Table are handled most effectively by a committee structure. Five committees were established for the Manitoba Round Table. They are listed below with their priority areas of focus:

Sustainable Development Policy/Strategy Committee

Chair: Mr. Jack Dubois

Priorities:

- Sustainability Indicators
- Fish and Wildlife Strategies
- COSDI Implementation
  - Review of current sustainable development strategies
  - Sustainable development auditor
- Manitoba Round Table Annual Report

Other tasks:

- Review of Sustainable Development Principles and Guidelines
- Review of Sustainable Development Strategy
- Advise on component strategies
- Sustainability Report
- Policy/Legislation changes

Planning and Assessment Committee

Chair: Mr. Doug Lauvstad

Priorities:

- COSDI Implementation
  - Broad Area Planning: East Side Lake Winnipeg
  - Environmental Assessment
  - Public Participation
  - Federal / Provincial Interface
  - Aboriginal Interface

Other Tasks:

- Water Management Strategy
- Northern Development Strategy
- Sustainable Agriculture

Environmental Quality/Economic Development Committee

Co-chairs: Dr. Peter Miller and Honourable Greg Selinger

Priorities:

- Energy/Climate Change
- Green Budgeting and Finance
- Financial Management Guidelines
- Abandoned Sites / Remediation / Contaminated Sites
- Environmental Standards
- Procurement Guidelines
- Code of Practice
- Institutional Sustainability

Other Tasks:

- Waste Management

Education and Communication Committee

Chair: Ms. Jillian Maguet

Priorities:

- Education Strategy
- Youth Round Table
- Awards of Excellence Program
- Scholarship Program
- Communications Strategy

Human Settlement Committee

Chair: Mr. Dwayne Hamilton

Priorities:

- Rural Depopulation

Other Tasks:

- Capital Region
- Sustainable Community Planning
- Regional Cooperation

STAFF SUPPORT

Tammy Gibson - Manitoba Conservation

Krista Nakrieko – Manitoba Conservation

Christine Tymchak – Manitoba Conservation

Karen McRobbie – Manitoba Conservation

Kip Tyler – Manitoba Conservation

Joe Morrisseau – Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs

Herb Schellenberg – Manitoba Agriculture and Food

Christina McDonald - Manitoba Education Training and Youth

David Jopling – Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

APPENDIX I

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Principles:

Integration of Environmental and Economic Decisions

1(1) Economic decisions should adequately reflect environmental, human health and social effects.

1(2) Environmental and health initiatives should adequately take into account economic, human health and social consequences.

Stewardship

2(1) The economy, the environment, human health and social well-being should be managed for the equal benefit of present and future generations.

2(2) Manitobans are caretakers of the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being for the benefit of present and future generations.

2(3) Today's decisions are to be balanced with tomorrow's effects.

Shared Responsibility and Understanding

3(1) Manitobans should acknowledge responsibility for sustaining the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being, with each being accountable for decisions and actions in a spirit of partnership and open cooperation.

3(2) Manitobans share a common economic, physical and social environment.

3(3) Manitobans should understand and respect differing economic and social views, values, traditions and aspirations.

3(4) Manitobans should consider the aspirations, needs and views of the people of the various geographical regions and ethnic groups in Manitoba, including Aboriginal peoples, to facilitate equitable management of Manitoba's common resources.

Prevention

4 Manitobans should anticipate, and prevent or mitigate, significant adverse economic, environmental, human health and social effects of decisions and actions, having particular careful regard to decisions whose impacts are not entirely certain but which, on reasonable and well-informed grounds, appear to pose serious threats to the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being.

Conservation and Enhancement

5 Manitobans should

(a) maintain the ecological processes, biological diversity and life-support systems of the environment;

(b) harvest renewable resources on a sustainable yield basis;

(c) make wise and efficient use of renewable and non-renewable resources; and

(d) enhance the long-term productive capability, quality and capacity of natural ecosystem.

Rehabilitation and Reclamation
6 Manitobans should
(a) endeavour to repair damage to or degradation of the environment; and
(b) consider the need for rehabilitation and reclamation in future decisions and actions.

Global Responsibility
7 Manitobans should think globally when acting locally, recognizing that there is economic, ecological and social interdependence among provinces and nations, and working cooperatively, within Canada and internationally, to integrate economic, environmental, human health and social factors in decision-making while developing comprehensive and equitable solutions to problems.

Guidelines:

Efficient Use of Resources - which means
(a) encouraging and facilitating development and application of systems for proper resource pricing, demand management and resource allocation together with incentives to encourage efficient use of resources; and
(b) employing full-cost accounting to provide better information for decision makers.

Public Participation - which means
(a) establishing forums which encourage and provide opportunity for consultation and meaningful participation in decision-making processes by Manitobans;
(b) endeavouring to provide due process, prior notification and appropriate and timely redress for those adversely affected by decisions and actions; and
(c) striving to achieve consensus amongst citizens with regard to decisions affecting them.

Access to Information - which means
(a) encouraging and facilitating the improvement and refinement of economic, environmental, human health and social information; and
(b) promoting the opportunity for equal and timely access to information by all Manitobans.

Integrated Decision Making and Planning - which means
encouraging and facilitating decision making and planning processes that are efficient, timely, accountable and cross-sectoral and which incorporate an inter-generational perspective of future needs and consequences.

Waste Minimization and Substitution - which means
(a) encouraging and promoting the development and use of substitutes for scarce resources where such substitutes are both environmentally sound and economically viable; and
(b) reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering the products of society.

Research and Innovation - which means
encouraging and assisting the researching, development, application and sharing of knowledge and technologies which further our economic, environmental, human health and social well-being.